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In Re The Application of: )  
Darren Kerr et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/216,519 )  
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WARE PROTOCOL DECODE )  
WITH HARDWARE DATA )  
ENCRYPTION )

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AMENDMENT

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02 FC:102

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This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action filed on Oct. 24, 2001.

All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 21, et seq as follows:

1 21. (New) A pipelined processor in a network switch, the processor comprising:  
2 an ALU internal to the processor responsive to a first set of opcodes;  
3 an encryption execution unit internal to the processor having an encryption tightly